

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

March 3, 2014

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Dear Families,

I'm used to updating you about your children and their learning. However, when Coolidge students are released early tomorrow, teachers will be remaining in school. Our focus? The new educator evaluation system. Starting this year teachers in Shrewsbury are experiencing a very different kind of supervision, and we will continue to talk about what it means to focus more on learning than teaching. It's exciting to see the various ways our pilot teachers are demonstrating the ways they are making a difference for children. This effort captures work in the classroom and so much more, including grade level meetings, intervention efforts, work with parents and families, and ongoing curriculum work.

Looking for some adult learning opportunities? Please take some time to read through Dr. Sawyer's latest budget proposal. At the School Committee's public hearing last week several Coolidge parents spoke, and I want to say thank you to them and to the many more members of our school community who are actively sharing their perspectives about what our schools need.

If you did not have a chance to hear the presentation from last week, there are several ways that you can learn more. The school committee meeting is rebroadcast on Shrewsbury Cable, but you can also watch it online through the Shrewsbury Media Connection's Online Video Library by clicking this link

http://home.townisp.com/~spacmac1/SMC_Video_Player/Video_Player.html . This is a critical time, and there are lots of local opportunities to participate in the process. Whether you are sharing feedback, asking a question or expressing an opinion, your voice is important. Please check out our PTO website for more information.

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Amy Clouter

Principal

P.S. THANK YOU for your help with our Time for Kids drive. Thanks to your efforts, we reached our collection goal again this year. That means lots of great issues for your children next year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

**March 4
LUNCH**

Early Release Day- students dismissed at 12:15 NO

PTO meeting, 7 pm in the Media Center

March 5	Young Audience's <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> visits
March 14	School Store
March 21	Clay time, 6:30-8:30
March 28	School Store
March 31	Report cards go home

Please note MCAS dates for third and fourth grade:

March 18	Gr. 4 long Comp
March 19 & 20	Gr. 3 ELA
March 25 & 26	Gr. 4 ELA
May 6 & 7	Gr. 3 Math
May 13 & 14	Gr. 4 Math

A Note from the School Nurse

Two cases of measles have been confirmed in the metro west area of Massachusetts. Measles is a very contagious disease. Most people have been vaccinated against measles. Those who have not been immunized and may have been exposed (Feb. 15 Feb. 16 at Trader Joe's and Samba in Framingham) should contact your doctor. Do not go in to the office if you think you were exposed. Call to get information.

The symptoms usually occur 10 days after exposure:

1. Cough and cold like symptoms, a fever and red eyes.
2. Two to four days after the symptoms start, a rash appears on the body. It may disappear after a day or two.

Measles are spread by coughing or sneezing. People who travel, health care workers and college students are more susceptible to measles.

Those students that have not been fully immunized pose a great risk of becoming infected with the disease. If a case of measles is found in school the unimmunized student will be excluded from school from the 5th to the 21st day of exposure.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Katie Zimmermann RN

1. **Parents, please note that TOMORROW Tuesday, 3/4/14, there is an Early Release Day in Shrewsbury. This means students will not get lunch at school. Dismissal will begin at 12:15. Please plan accordingly.**
2. FOR ALL PARENTS~Please help our Special Education Department to understand our strengths and needs by reflecting on your family's experiences on this online survey: <http://www.maparentcohort2.com>

The results of the survey will assist us in strengthening our communication and partnership with parents. The survey closes on March 21, 2014.

- 3. The first registration for the Elementary Summer Enrichment Program at Oak Middle School and the Middle School Summer Extensions Program at Sherwood Middle School will close on Wednesday, February 26th at 4:00 PM. Details for registration and course catalogs can be accessed through the Summer Enrichment and Summer Extensions links in the QuickLINKS on the SPS district homepage. Please check the course catalogs for exciting and engaging class offerings for grades PK-4 (Oak Middle) and grades 5-8 (Sherwood). A second registration will open on April 15th at 7AM.**
- 4. Please remember to practice safe driving habits in our parking lots. Going slow in the pick up and drop off line and taking that “extra look” is really important, especially in the winter season. Your care for our students and staff is appreciated. Our neighbors on Florence Street would be most grateful if drivers in our pick up line by 2:30 respect their driveway space especially so that they too can pick up their children and grandchildren in the afternoon.**